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TO: Commission on EMS

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SUBJECT: Report on EMS Data Committee

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive information on EMS Data Committee

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

DISCUSSION:

The EMS Data Committee met on November 3, 2004 with the next meeting scheduled for December 14, 2004. The major tasks of the Committee will be to:

- Revise the California EMS Information System (CEMSIS) to meet or exceed the newly developed National EMS Information System (NEMSIS) standards;
- Review test data currently entered into CEMSIS;
- Assist the EMS Authority in reviewing other local EMS data once entered into CEMSIS; and,
- Evaluate and revise as needed the developed quality improvement indicators utilizing the test data.

The Mountain Valley EMS Agency was awarded a Prevention 2010 block grant to provide a consultant to guide the committee activities. Health Analytics was awarded the contract. At the November meeting, David Lindberg, CEO of Health Analytics, was introduced and led the committee through a NEMSIS/CEMSIS comparison. Initial comments were received as to how CEMSIS may come into compliance with the NEMSIS data set and associated variables. The Committee has the ability to log onto *eRoom*, an internet based mechanism for communication, to keep informed on all committee activities. On November 19, 2004, Health Analytics' representatives will meet with EMSA staff to review the technical aspects of CEMSIS.

The EMS Commission will be kept informed of the Committee's progress.